

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR DISABLED

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indira Gandhi National Open University(IGNOU)and Rehabilitation Council of India(RCI) have launched a special education programme for the disabled;
- (b) if so, whether any agreement has been signed between IGNOU and RCI in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the facilities provided to disabled under the programme; and
- (d) the extent to which this programme is likely to be beneficial for such persons?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) to (d) According to the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University(IGNOU), the University and Rehabilitation Council of India(RCI) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on September 21, 2000 to make a joint effort in promoting and implementing extension, training and education programmes for the empowerment of the special target group of people with disability. IGNOU will collaborate with RCI in programme design and development of special education and rehabilitation programme through multi-media distance mode and will also facilitate delivery and certification of such Certificate and Degree programmes.